



Overview & Partnership Discussions: Development of the NOAA Fisheries Strategic Plan

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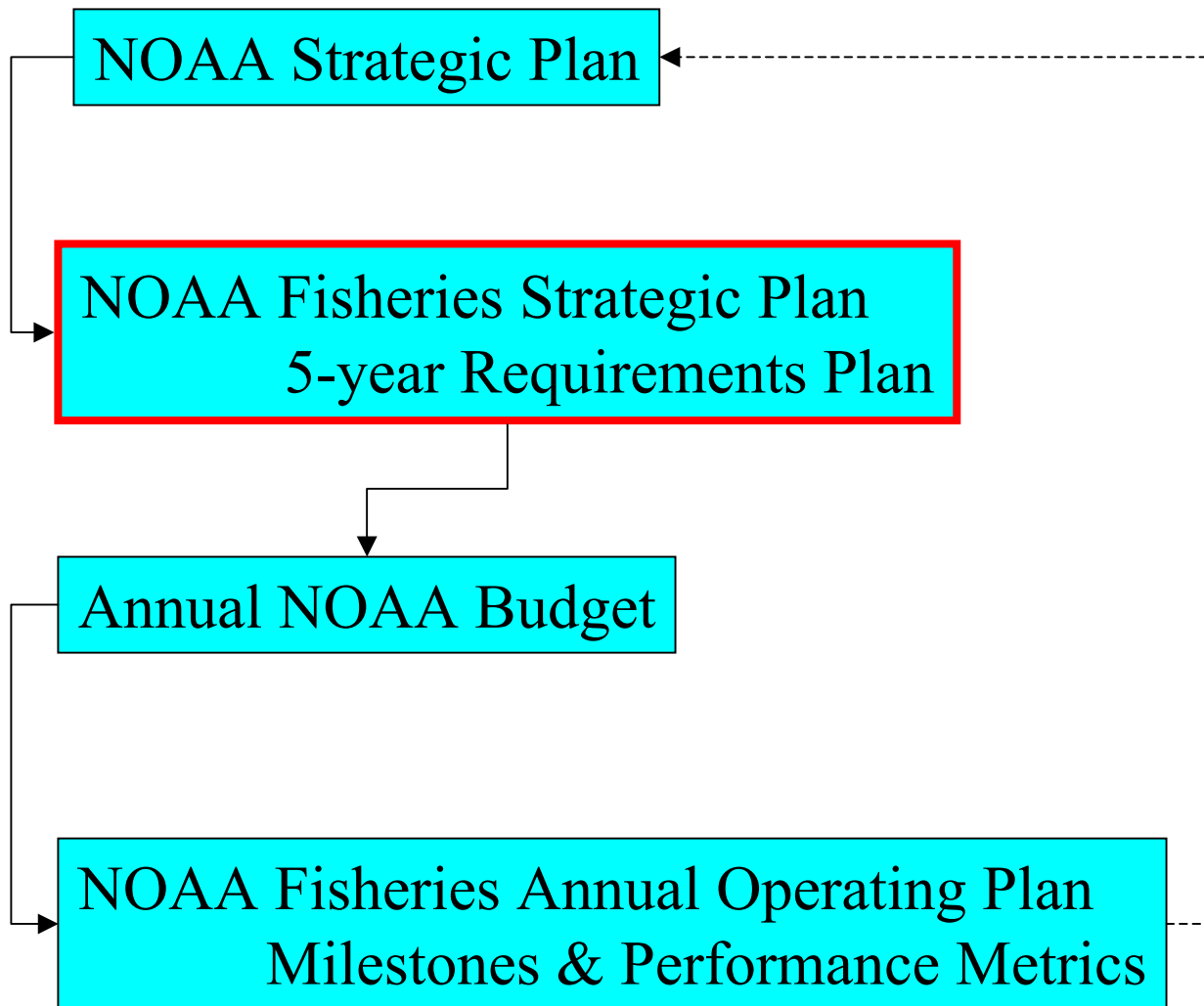
March 31- April 2, 2003

San Diego, California





NOAA Fisheries Strategic Plan Context





Development of the NOAA Strategic Plan

Ambitious schedule: August 2002 - January 2003

7 Regional Stakeholder and Employee meetings

Seattle, New Orleans, Boston, Washington DC, Boulder,
Cleveland, Puerto Rico

Over 300 Stakeholders

800+ employees

Over 700 pages of stakeholder comments

Hundreds of suggestions for outcomes, strategies, and measures





New NOAA Mission Goals for the 21st Century

1. Protect, restore and manage the use of coastal and ocean resources through ecosystem-based management
2. Understand climate variability and change to enhance society's ability to plan and respond
3. Serve society's needs for weather and water information
4. Support the Nation's commerce with information for safe and efficient transportation





NOAA Fisheries Strategic Plan

**Most of NOAA Fisheries efforts will be in
Mission Goal 1**

Three Strategic Objectives

- Protect and restore ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources
- Recover Protected Species
- Rebuild and maintain sustainable fisheries





Accomplished through Five Strategies

Monitor and Observe land, sea, atmosphere, and space and create a data collection network to track Earth's changing systems

Understand and Describe how natural systems work together through investigation and interpretation of information

Assess and Predict the changes of natural systems and provide information about the future

Engage, Advise and Inform individuals, partners, communities and industries on needed information and assist them in the use and application

Manage coastal and ocean resources to optimize the environment, economy, and public safety.





NOAA Fisheries Timeline

Fisheries SP ‘aligned’ with NOAA’s Plan January 31, 2003

Comments were received from NOAA February 28

Revisions and internal review through March 28

Submitted to NOAA on March 31

Comments due back from NOAA April 10

Public Comment period begins for 3 weeks on or about April 21

Final NOAA Fisheries Strategic Plan June 9, 2003

Annual cycle of review and revision begins in September 2003

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